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"A shared vision is the first step in allowing people who mistrusted each other to begin to work together. It creates a common identity."

Peter Senge,
American Professor of Business

The Alberta Round Table on Environment and Economy is a group of Albertans from different segments of our society selected by Cabinet in May, 1990. Our mission is to work to achieve sustainable development by providing leadership, policy advice and long-term strategies to government, business and the general public.

Sustainable development has many different and useful definitions which helped improve our understanding. We concluded that sustainable development **must be** our future, a future in which we concentrate on our quality of life by paying careful attention to both the environment and the economy at the same time. In the past, we have thought of the environment and the economy as two separate entities independent of each other. For the future, we must go beyond the idea that we must sacrifice one to the other by committing to both.

Sustainable development is part of a global agenda for change. The move toward sustainable development is international (as described in Appendix One). Within the global context, we are part of a unique, Canada-wide movement of establishing Round Tables on this topic at the provincial, territorial and national levels. These Round Tables are advisory bodies to government, and their members reflect the broadest possible representation of society. Round Table members are charged with working together co-operatively to create sustainable development strategies.

We started our work in June, 1990. At our first meeting we were a collection of individuals, most of whom had never met before. Each of us has a different background and life experience (as shown by our biographies in Appendix Two), resulting in differing priorities and expectations. Some of us were uncertain of each other's willingness to undertake our mission openly and as a team. We were expecting to argue, or to watch arguments about the environment versus the economy, looking to see which side would prevail. This did not happen. Instead we grew to understand that our concerns about the economy and the environment are interdependent.

We began by working on our relationships with each other as individual human beings with equal stakes in the future. By being willing to listen to each other, everyone has had a chance to contribute. Sometimes we have accepted each other's views as valid even when we disagreed, and we all have changed our minds on some points. In other words, we began to develop a commitment to work together. And through the process of working together we have realized that our differences, both in background and experience, are our strength.

To deal with the task we were called to do, we chose to start from scratch. Rather than relying on experts or going along with conventional wisdom, we placed ourselves in the future and assumed that sustainable development was a reality in Alberta. Then we asked ourselves: What does Alberta look like, now that sustainable development has been achieved?

We have imagined a future in which sustainable development is a way of life. We are committed to this possibility. It is our vision. It gives us a common direction. And it presents us with the challenge of closing the gap between the current reality and our dream.

Our vision calls for change and, as agents of change, we, too, are willing to be transformed by the process of realizing our vision. Likewise, our vision is a living statement that will evolve as we move forward.

To guide us, we developed principles by which to achieve our vision. These are our values and beliefs. They support our vision by setting the boundaries within which actions to achieve sustainable development can be taken.

The vision and principles form a framework we hope all Albertans can share. There is a role for every person, organization and institution in this province. We want to enlist you in realizing this vision of sustainable development, so that each of us can use our skills and talents to influence and direct change.

We ask that you

- **Consider the opportunities provided if there is broad acceptance of this vision.**
- **Make your own personal commitment to the vision and the principles, for your own benefit and that of your children and grandchildren.**
- **Become personally involved in moving Alberta toward a sustainable future.**

Obviously there is much left to do. We are committed to continuing participation by Albertans, as the process of achieving sustainable development moves forward.

Our Vision for Alberta

"Where there is no vision, the people perish."

Proverbs 29:18

(What Alberta looks like when sustainable development is achieved)

Alberta, a member of the global community, is a leader in sustainable development, ensuring a healthy environment, a healthy economy, and a high quality of life in the present and the future.

Our vision encompasses all of the following elements:

- **The quality of air, water, and land is assured.**

  Environmentally sound use of air, water, and land safeguards essential life-support systems. There is continuous improvement in practices affecting their quality.

- **Alberta's biological diversity is preserved.**

  Biogeographical areas, habitat, and wildlife are protected. Aesthetically attractive areas are set aside for recreational, cultural, and spiritual needs.

- **We live within Alberta's natural carrying capacity.**

  Renewable resources are used in a sustainable manner. Non-renewable resources are used responsibly and contribute to the attainment of a sustainable future. Our values and consumption patterns recognize Alberta's true carrying capacity.

- **The economy is healthy.**

  The economy is diversified, resilient, globally competitive, and environmentally responsible. Employment and other roles are meaningful, productive, creative, and rewarding.

- **Market forces and regulatory systems work for sustainable development.**

  There are economic incentives to encourage environmentally responsible behavior, with full-cost accounting for the life cycle of products. Where regulatory systems are required to shape the market, they foster sustainable development and choice.

- **Urban and rural communities offer a healthy environment for living.**

  Human settlements are shaped by principles of sustainability, offering healthy work environments, usable open space, efficient transportation, and accessible natural areas. Work, residence, and leisure places are closely integrated.

- **Albertans are educated and informed about the economy and the environment.**

  Education begins at an early age so that all citizens understand the issues and the elements of this vision. Everyone has access to the information necessary to exercise good judgement.

- **Albertans are responsible global citizens.**

  We join with the global community in making decisions about economic and environmental issues. We exchange knowledge and technology with other nations. Our policies recognize the link between world population and sustainability. In making local decisions, we take into account global economic and environmental impacts.

- **Albertans are stewards of the environment and the economy.**

  As individuals, we actively employ our understanding and knowledge to hold in trust, for future generations, both the environment and the economy.

"Plans don't make things happen. People do."

Anonymous

Guiding Principles

To support our vision, we developed principles to set the boundaries within which actions to achieve sustainable development can be taken. These principles are as follows.

We believe that

- there are consumption limits to the earth's resources;
- the increasing rate of consumption by the exploding world population is the largest contributor to the global environmental crisis;
- the co-existence of human and non-human species is essential for our well-being and for the preservation of the planet's ecosystems;
- individual enterprise, initiative, and creativity, as well as public and private sector actions, are critical in the attainment of sustainable development;
- what we do in Alberta is significant globally and locally.

Consequently, as Albertans, we believe that

- we should preserve biological diversity;
- we should ensure the viability of our economic system;
- we should exhibit a respect for place by preserving spiritual, cultural, aesthetic and historic values;
- we should foster a healthy human existence by ensuring the quality of the environment;
- we, both as individuals and as organizations, should be stewards of the environment and the economy and accountable for our actions;
- we should harness market forces and design regulatory systems to allow maximum choice by individuals and organizations in working toward sustainable development.

In order to accomplish this, we believe that:

- all people should be educated about the environment and the economy and their interrelationship;
- resources should be used efficiently;
- there should be access to information pertaining to environmental/economic decisions;
- decision making should be participatory, broadly integrated, considerate of the future, and globally responsible;
- decision processes should be effective, efficient, and timely.

The Coming Year

Our work for this year is about strategies for enrolling all segments of Alberta society to work toward sustainable development:

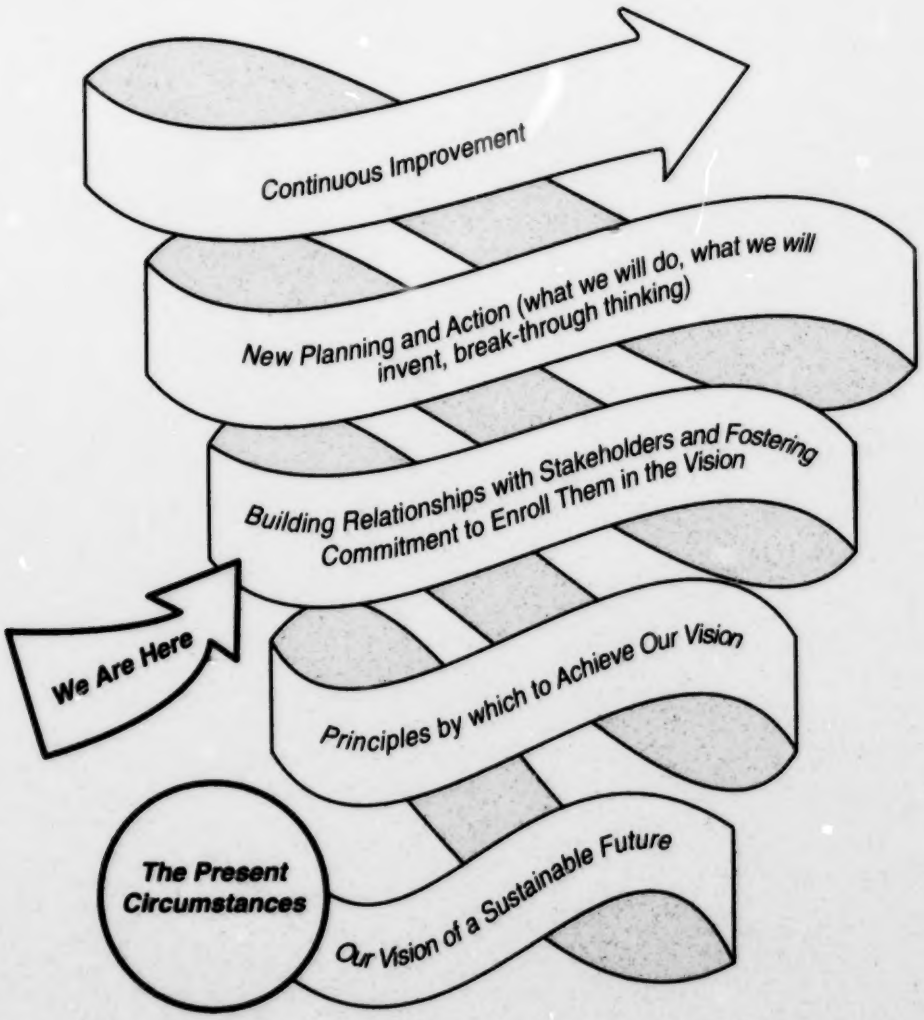
- individuals and families,
- organizations,
- education,
- business and industry,
- government.

Our overall plan of work is shown in the figure below.

"Let everything you do be done as if it makes a difference."

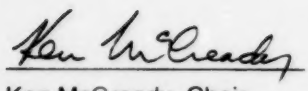
William James,
American Philosopher

Steps to Realizing a Sustainable Future


Continuous Improvement
New Planning and Action (what we will do, what we will invent, break-through thinking)
Building Relationships with Stakeholders and Fostering Commitment to Enroll Them in the Vision
We Are Here
Principles by which to Achieve Our Vision
The Present Circumstances
Our Vision of a Sustainable Future

We intend this vision to be a living statement. It is meant to start an ongoing dialogue about the environment and the economy. Vision without action, however, is insufficient. So in addition, we plan a series of activities through which you can participate with us in considering how this vision can be implemented. Beyond this, we encourage you, both by yourself and with others, to find or invent ways to make this vision our common reality.

Respectfully submitted,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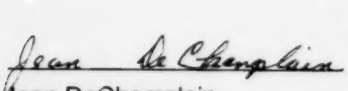
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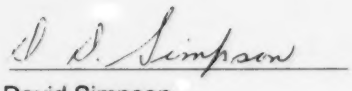
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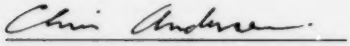
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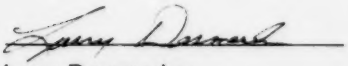
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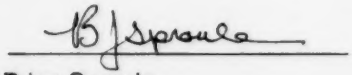
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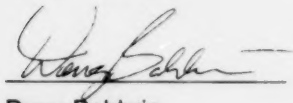
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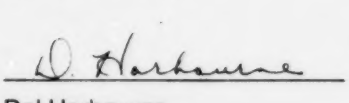
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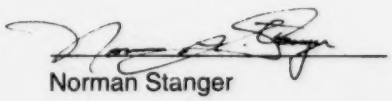
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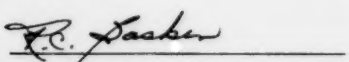
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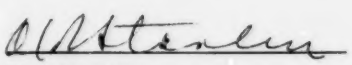
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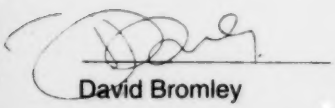
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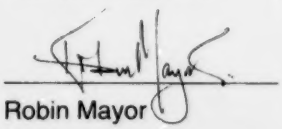
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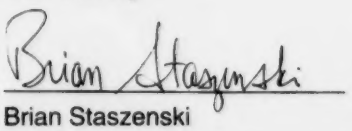
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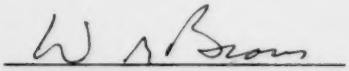
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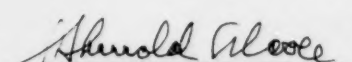
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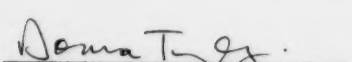
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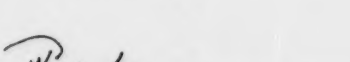
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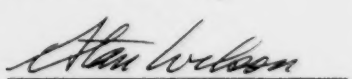
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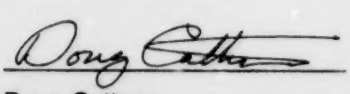
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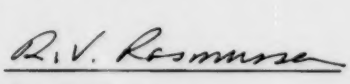
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Appendix One

History of Round Tables

History of Round Tables in Canada

In 1983, the United Nations General Assembly asked the Prime Minister of Norway, Gro Brundtland, to chair an independent World Commission on Environment and Development. Its mandate was to devise a "global agenda for change" which would lead to the implementation of sustainable development around the world by the turn of the century. Sustainable development is defined in the Brundtland Commission's Report, *Our Common Future*, as the following: "Sustainable development ensures that the use of our resources and environment today does not damage prospects for their use by future generations."

The World Commission on Environment and Development visited Canada in May of 1986, holding a special meeting in Edmonton with members of the Canadian Council of Resource and Environment Ministers (CCREM). As a result of this meeting, CCREM established The National Task Force on Environment and Economy in October of the same year, assigning it a mandate to foster and promote environmentally-sound economic development.

The National Task Force reported in September of 1987, supporting and reinforcing the conclusions of the Brundtland Report, that those who want economic development and those who want environmental protection must work cooperatively in a new era of economic growth based on environmentally-sound sustainable development practices. Among the important recommendations of the National Task Force was the establishment of Round Tables in Canada.

In October, 1988 the Prime Minister announced the creation of the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy, with the first appointments effective early in 1989. Reflecting the broadest possible representation of Canadian social, political and economic spheres, members from government, industry, environmental groups, unions, universities and native peoples took their places at the National Round Table at the first meeting the following June. Concurrently, provincial and territorial Round Tables were in the planning stages: Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick and Manitoba established Round Tables in 1988; Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and Yukon Territory, in 1989; British Columbia, Alberta, The Northwest Territories and Newfoundland, in 1990.

Although these Round Tables share a commitment to both the Round Table process of consensus and to sustainable development, each has an independent mandate and establishes its priorities and objectives to reflect its own particular economy and environment. And each is chaired differently. For example, a member of the academic community chairs the National Round Table, the Premier chairs Manitoba's and Nova Scotia's Round Tables, and a labor relations expert chairs the Round Table in British Columbia.

History of the Round Table in Alberta

The Alberta Government appointed twenty-four individuals to the Alberta Round Table on Environment and Economy in May, 1990. This group of Albertans represents a wide range of interests, views, and sectors of society. The Round Table's mandate is to advise the government on policy which moves the province toward sustainable development, protecting its natural heritage while at the same time developing a strong economy. As an advisory body, the Round Table aims to provide guidelines and principles which reflect a balanced approach to achieving economic, environmental, and social objectives. The Round Table reports to The Executive Council of the Alberta Government. The Minister of the Environment and the Minister of Economic Development and Trade are ex-officio members.

The Round Table's terms of reference are to:

1. ***Advise government on matters of policy related to the integration of the economy and the environment leading to a formalized sustainable development strategy. This would involve providing leadership in reaching consensus on emerging environmental and economic issues.***
2. ***Provide leadership to promote demonstration projects and activities.***
3. ***Provide leadership in education and communication actions.***
4. ***Monitor and review implementation of Round Table recommendations accepted by government.***
5. **Link the Alberta Round Table with the National Round Table.**
6. ***Identify the need for and advise on major studies undertaken to further sustainable development.***

The Alberta Round Table examined the experiences and approaches taken by the other Round Tables and determined to extract and endorse information best applicable to Alberta's needs. Meanwhile, it set about to make its own contribution. Its first emphasis was to develop a vital process to enable its members to arrive at their strategy; unlike other Round Tables which were working from specific economic sectors such as agriculture or forestry, the Alberta Round Table stressed a non-sectoral approach in its cultivation of sustainable development in the province. The Alberta Round Table seeks to find ways for all Albertans to make contributions to realizing the vision of sustainable development.

Members of the Round Table call on their own constituencies for feedback and assistance as required. For example, the Alberta Environmental Network, the Alberta Cattle Commission, the Alberta Forest Products Association, the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, the Canadian Petroleum Association, the Christian Farmers Federation, the Mackenzie Regional Planning Commission and Unifarm are a few of the constituencies engaged in discussion with members of the Round Table.

The Round Table functions with the support of a secretariat. These individuals contribute time and expertise from their various positions in the Environment Council of Alberta, the Departments of Environment and of Economic Development and Trade, from TransAlta Utilities Corporation, Esso Resources Canada Limited, and Dow Chemical Canada Inc., as well as from private consulting firms. Consultants to the process have included W. Blair Little and Associates, ParaComm International Corporation, and Phrenic Resources Ltd. The assistance of the secretariat allows Round Table members to work with greater ease and efficiency in a unique and successful arrangement.

Appendix Two

Members of the Round Table

Ken McCready (Chair) is President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of TransAlta Utilities Corporation, an investor-owned utility serving 1.5 million Albertans with electrical energy. He is involved in Canada's Business Council on National Issues and its task force on the Environment and Economy, the International Business Council for Sustainable Development, and The Conference Board of Canada's Interim Board of Sustainable Development Education Program. He is a director of businesses and associations related to electric utilities and electrotechnologies. He is also involved in various community activities. Mr. McCready graduated from the University of Alberta in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science degree (Electrical Engineering).

Chris Andersen is the General Manager of Grande Prairie Woodlands and Lumber Division, Canadian Forest Products Ltd., Alberta Operation, having served with the company since 1969. He is Past President of the Alberta Forest Products Association and has been a member of the Canadian Institute of Forestry since 1969. As well, he has been a member of the Advisory Committee on Wilderness Areas and Ecological Reserves since 1983. Mr. Andersen holds a Bachelor of Science degree (Forestry) from the University of British Columbia. He is married and has four children. He still operates the farm which has been in his family since 1928.

Doug Baldwin is President and Chief Executive Officer of Esso Resources Canada Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Imperial Oil Limited. His business career spans 32 years with Imperial Oil and affiliated organizations, as Assistant General Manager of the Production Department in Calgary, as Production Manager of the Exxon Corporation in New York, and then as Vice-President of Business Services for Esso Resources. Mr. Baldwin is a director of both Imperial Oil Limited and the Exxon Production Research Company. He is immediate Past Chairman of the Canadian Petroleum Association for the 1990-1991 term. He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Science degree (Chemical Engineering).

Reg Basken (Vice-Chair) has been President of the Energy and Chemical Workers Union, based in Edmonton, since 1984. He is also a member of the Executive Council of the Canadian Labour Congress. Mr. Basken was the first graduate of The Labour College of Canada, Ottawa. He began his career in 1957 with the Saskatchewan Power Corporation and was elected President of its 2300-member local of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union (OCAWIU) in 1962. He has been active in the Governor General Study Conference, the Duke of Edinburgh Study Conference, the Boards of Directors of the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education, the Canadian Cancer Society, Edmonton United Way, and the Senate of the University of Alberta.

David Bromley lives in St. Albert and has three children ranging in age from 5 to 13 years. He is the founder and President of the Alberta-based environmental engineering firm, David Bromley Engineering Limited. The firm has been involved in numerous projects over the last 11 years for industrial and municipal clients. Mr. Bromley was the principal author of the Canadian Petroleum Association's "Environmental Operating Guideline Handbook for the Alberta Petroleum Industry," and is now preparing similar documents for British Columbia and Saskatchewan. He holds a Bachelor of Applied Sciences degree from the University of Toronto and a Master's degree (Environmental Engineering) from McMaster University.

Gordon Brown is head of the Energy and Natural Resources Department of the Bennett Jones Verchere law firm in Calgary. In over 30 years of practice, he has played a significant role in structuring major transactions in the natural resources and energy field. His practice has included complex joint ventures for the exploration and development of conventional and heavy oil, tar sands, coal and uranium. Mr. Brown is Director of many corporations involved in the energy field and is a Director of The Canadian Institute of Resources Law. He obtained a law degree from the University of Alberta and is a member of the Law Society of Alberta.

Rosemary Brown is a native Albertan jointly operating a successful mixed farming operation in the Caroline area with her husband. They have three sons and one daughter, ranging in age from 9 to 14 years. In 1988, she was appointed to the Caroline Gas Field Advisory Board, a municipal body which worked closely with industry, the public and the regulatory agencies, on the proposed development of the Caroline Gas Field. She has been an elected trustee of the Innisfail General and Auxiliary Hospital and Nursing Home District since 1983 and has been active in many other community organizations. Mrs. Brown was educated at the University of Alberta and holds a Master of Science degree (Agricultural Economics).

Doug Cattran is Vice President Manufacturing, Hydrocarbons and Energy, Dow Chemical Canada Inc., and a member of the Operating Committee and Policy Board. In 1985 he moved to Alberta as Manager, Western Canada Division in Fort Saskatchewan. He came from the Sarnia Division where he had held a similar position since 1980. His 30 years with Dow have included a variety of manufacturing positions, a year in U.S. Research and three years as Manager, Corporate Safety, Health and Loss Prevention. He has been active in the Canadian Chemical Producers Association, Fort Saskatchewan Regional Industrial Association and the Lambton Industry Society and as a Governor of Lambton College. Mr. Cattran is a graduate of the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Science degree (Chemical Engineering).

Jean DeChamplain is Chair of the Sturgeon Health Unit Board of Directors, a position he has held since 1980. He was elected to the Health Unit Association of Alberta Board as the North-Central Region representative in 1979 and served as Chairman of the Health Unit Association (1987 – 1988). He has also served as Councillor for the Municipal District of Westlock since October 1977. He was elected to the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Board in November 1989 as Director for the Edmonton District, representing 23 rural municipalities. Mr. DeChamplain completed his education at St. John's College, Edmonton. He holds a Certificate in Farm Management from Alberta Agriculture.

Larry Desmeules is the President of the Metis Association of Alberta. He founded the Metis Urban Housing Corporation and was its Manager from 1983 to 1987. He served as Executive Director of the Alberta Native Communications Society during the 1970s, developing programs and standards which are still a yardstick for measuring success in that field: the first Native-controlled satellite communications experiment, Project Native Star; the first weekly Native newspaper, *The Native People*; the Native Communication Program through Grant MacEwan Community College; the first Native television programs and the first Native-conceived radio programs with printed supplements for Alberta School Broadcasts. Mr. Desmeules received the Premier Lougheed Outstanding Albertan Award in 1978. He was educated in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Del Harbourne has owned a clothing business in Manning for over 20 years; in 1987 she was awarded the Small Business Owner of the Year Award. She was Mayor of the Town of Manning from 1974 to 1989 and had been on the Town Council since 1969. She has participated on committees concerned with community services, economic development, tourism and municipal finance. She has served as a member and as Chair of the North Peace Foundation for several years. In 1986, Mrs. Harbourne was awarded an Alberta Achievement Award for outstanding contribution to her community. In 1990, she was given the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Award of Excellence in recognition of outstanding service to municipal government in Alberta.

Patricia Mackenzie is Alderman for Ward 5 in the City of Edmonton. She chaired the city's Budget Committee in 1987-88 and has been a member of various committees and associations including the Community and Family Services Advisory Committee and the Edmonton Downtown Business Association. She is a board member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association. She has served as Treasurer and Board Member of the Environmental Law Centre Society in Alberta and has been on the executive of charitable organizations including the United Way Campaign and Big Sisters Association. Mrs. Mackenzie was educated at the University of Saskatchewan where she received a Bachelor of Education degree prior to teaching high school for over ten years.

Robin Mayor has held the position of President, Alberta College of Art since 1988. He served as Senior Academic Vice President of the Massachusetts College of Art from 1985 to 1987 and was President of the Emily Carr College of Art and Design from 1972 to 1985. In his current position, Mr. Mayor was instrumental in successfully instituting a comprehensive recycling program at the Alberta College of Art, the first of its kind in a post-secondary institution in the province. He was educated at the St. Martin's School of Art and the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris.

Sherrold Moore is Senior Vice President, Production Services, Drilling, Environmental and External Affairs for Amoco Canada Petroleum Company Ltd. He received the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy Achievement Award (1977) and a special award from the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (1990). His community activities include membership on the Boards of Directors of Alberta Theatre Projects and the Canadian Mental Health Association and active involvement in the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association and the Aquatic Foundation of Canada. He is Chair of the Alberta Sport Council and past Chair of the Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation. Mr. Moore is a graduate of the Montana School of Mines with a Bachelor of Science degree (Petroleum Engineering).

Wanda Prather is a teacher with the Fort McMurray Public School District. She worked in the Edmonton Public and St. Albert Protestant School Districts prior to moving to Fort McMurray in 1979. Her current work and her major professional interest involve children with learning disabilities. She is a member of the Special Education Council of the Alberta Teachers Association and of the Fort McMurray Library Board. She is also an active volunteer supporter of the Alberta Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Canadian Mental Health Association, the Alberta Heart Fund and the 1992 Alberta Winter Games. Mrs. Prather has a Bachelor of Arts degree (Psychology) from the University of Alberta and professional qualification in Education.

Ray Rasmussen is a graduate engineer and has a doctorate degree in Business Administration. He has been a faculty member at the University of Alberta since 1970. He received the Rutherford and Labatt's Awards for Excellence and the 3M Canada Teaching Award. Dr. Rasmussen is the Alberta Chapter President of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society; a board member of the Alberta Wilderness Association; President of the Toxics Watch Society of Alberta; and Chair of the National Wilderness Caucus which comprises more than 50 local and national parks, wildlife, and wilderness groups representing every province and region of Canada. He and his wife Sandra, originally from Yorkton, Saskatchewan, have two daughters, Teal 12, and Terra, 6.

David Simpson owns and operates Timbermountain Packtrain, a beef cattle ranch and a horse-shoeing operation in Claresholm. He is currently South Vice-President of the Professional Outfitters Association, Director of the Alberta Outfitters Association and is active on the Fish and Wildlife Advisory Council. Mr. Simpson is a member of several wildlife foundations, has served three terms as President of the Pincher Creek Fish and Game Association and two terms as Big Game Chair for Zone 1 Fish and Game Association. He has also been President of the Pincher Creek Chamber of Commerce. He has been a member of the Waterton Lions Club for eight years. Mr. Simpson was educated in Pincher Creek.

Brian Sproule is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Alberta. He set up the Division of Pulmonary Medicine at the University of Alberta which he headed until 1987. Dr. Sproule has been Chair of the Medical Advisory Board to Respiratory Technology, President of the Canadian Thoracic Society, Vice-President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and Chair of its Accreditation Committee. As President of the Edmonton Chapter of Canadian Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, he co-chaired the True North Strong and Free Conference. He is presently on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Council on Accreditation of Health Care Facilities and is Chair of the Research Ethics Board of the University of Alberta.

Norman Stanger has been an elected Councillor of the Municipal District of Starland since 1980 and served as Reeve from 1982 to 1987. He was recently re-elected Director of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties for the Central District representing 13 rural municipalities. As Director of the Association, Mr. Stanger serves on the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Caucus Committee, the Agricultural Chemicals Advisory Committee and is a member of the Prairie Conservation Coordinating Committee. He has worked for the Treasury Branch of Alberta and presently operates a grain farm northeast of Drumheller. Mr. Stanger was educated in Morrin.

Donald Stanley is Chair of Stanley Technology Group Inc. After receiving his Doctor of Science (Environmental Engineering) from Harvard University in 1954, he founded the firm which developed into the Stanley Technology Group of Companies. He is Past President of the Edmonton and Alberta Chambers of Commerce, the Western Canada Water and Waste Water Association, and the University of Alberta Alumni Association. He served on the Expert Advisory Panel on Environmental Health of the World Health Organization and has provided consultation on international environmental engineering problems. Dr. Stanley was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science by the University of Alberta in 1988.

Brian Staszenski is the founder and Executive Director of the Environmental Resource Centre in Edmonton. Much of his environmental work has been in organizing the Alberta Environmental Network and the Canadian Environmental Network. Previously, he co-ordinated community-based recreation and leisure programs for the City of Edmonton and was Public Participation Officer for the Edmonton Regional Planning Commission. He is a Director of the Alberta Environmental Network, Chair of Energy Awareness Week, and is involved in the Clean Air Strategy for Alberta and the Canadian Environmental Energy Caucus. Mr. Staszenski holds a Masters of Arts degree (Community Development) from the University of Alberta.

Donna Tingley is the Executive Director of the Environmental Law Centre (Alberta) Society (ELC) in Edmonton. The ELC is a non-profit, charitable organization founded in 1981 in response to the need for public information and assistance on environmental and natural resources law. Ms. Tingley is a member of the Advisory Committee to the Canadian Environmental Defense Fund, the Alberta Selection Committee for the Environmental Partners Fund, and the Law Reform Commission of Canada's Advisory Committee on Environmental Law. She served on the Alberta Minister of the Environment's Review Panel on Environmental Law Enforcement. She graduated from the Faculty of Law at the University of Calgary and is a member of the Law Society of Alberta. She is married and the mother of two young children.

Stan Wilson, a native-born Albertan, has been involved in beef cattle production in the province for most of his life. He and his family have a ranch and farm operation in the Nanton area. In the late 1970s he chaired the Land Use Committee of the Alberta Cattle Commission and in 1980 was elected Chair of the Cattle Commission. Mr. Wilson became President of the Canadian Cattleman's Association in 1986 and represented the Canadian beef industry in national and international forums. He has been involved in community organizations such as the Nanton Agricultural Society and the Senior Citizens Lodge administration; he has served for 19 years on the Advisory Council of Improvement District No. 6. Mr. Wilson is a graduate of Perth Collegiate Institute, Ontario.

Ex-Officio Members

The Ministers of Economic Development and Trade, and of Environment are members by virtue of their position.

The Minister of Economic Development and Trade, the Honorable Peter Elzinga, is a native-born Albertan. Since his election to the Provincial Legislature in 1986, he has been the MLA for Sherwood Park, and has held Cabinet portfolios, first as Minister of Agriculture and now with Economic Development and Trade. Prior to serving the Province, Mr. Elzinga was the MP for Pembina in the Parliament of Canada for 12 years. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Associated Canadian Travellers. He was Kinsman of the Year for 1972 – 1973 and is an Honorary member of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Rotary Club. Mr. Elzinga was recently appointed Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of 15 (Edmonton) Service Battalion.

The Minister of Environment, the Honorable Ralph Klein (Vice-Chair), has been the MLA for Calgary-Elbow since 1989. Prior to serving with the Province, he was Mayor of Calgary (1980 – 1989). As Mayor, he was successful in bidding for the 1988 Olympic Winter Games, the development of Calgary's Light Rail Transit System, and the ongoing protection of the Bow River. He has had 14 years' experience in public affairs, with CFCN Radio and Television, the United Way of Calgary and District, and the Alberta Division of the Red Cross. In 1986, he was awarded the Order of St. John and in 1988 following the Winter Games, was inducted into the Olympic Order. Mr. Klein was born and educated in Calgary.

Secretariat

The Executive Director of the Secretariat, Natalia Krawetz, is also Chief Executive Officer of the Environment Council of Alberta, a post she has held since 1990. Dr. Krawetz has extensive experience both in the private and public sectors, having served with a major consulting firm, with a government department, and as a private consultant. She received her doctorate (Environmental Psychology) from the City University of New York, and has specialized in the social aspects of environmental issues. She has worked with voluntary organizations for over 25 years and continues to work on improving her daily actions toward an environmentally-friendly life.

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